

Application Serial No. 10/617,376
Reply to Office Action dated July 11, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At present, claims 1-20 are pending in the above-identified U.S. patent application with claims 8-20 being the subject of a restriction requirement. More specifically, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner outlines a restriction between Group I identified as claims 8-13 drawn to a method of treating a washing chamber classified in Class 264, subclass 82, and Group II identified by claims 14-20 drawn to a dishwasher classified in Class 134, subclass 200. Presumably, the Examiner intended claims 1-7 to be also listed in Group I. The Examiner states that the inventions of Groups I and II are related as a process of making a product and the product made. The Examiner further states that, in the instant case, the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product such as one not requiring a removable door.

Initially, it should be noted that none of the claims pending in the application require a removable door. That is, claim 14 requires the presence of a second washing machine component defined by a door movable between an open position, wherein access to a tub is permitted, and a closed position, wherein a washing chamber is established by the tub and door. Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for the restriction requirement is misplaced. In addition, it is believed fair to say that every dishwasher must have a door in some form or fashion in order to access a washing chamber. However, in order to comply with the requirements of the M.P.E.P., the Applicant elects, with traverse, the claims of Group I directed to the claimed method. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to continue prosecution on at least claims 1-13. If the Examiner should have any additional

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questions or concerns regarding this matter, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below in order to further prosecution.

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